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AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claim 211 without prejudice, add claims 215-220, and amend the claims as provided in the following claim listing.

Claims

1-178. (Canceled).

179. (Currently amended) An automated method for facilitating a user's selection of residential or business products or services provided to a property having a geographic location, the method comprising:

maintaining a database comprising product or service offerings in a plurality of offering categories available to said geographic location, wherein each of said product or service offerings is offered in and associated with one or more geographic markets, and wherein each of the markets associated with each said product or service offering is definable in said database independently and with differing levels of geographic detail;

presenting a user with a plurality of said offering categories, wherein each of said offering categories corresponds to a product or service type available to said geographic location;

receiving from said user:

- (a) said geographic location of said property; and
- (b) user's selection of one or more offering categories;

determining product or service offerings maintained in said database (i) that correspond to said offering categories selected by said user, and (ii) that are associated with markets that correspond to said geographic location provided by said user;

generating for each offering category selected by said user, a summary of one or more product or service offerings available from one or more providers of said product or services to said geographic location each said product or service offering associated with markets that correspond to said geographic location provided by said user; and

transmitting to said user said summary of offerings.

180. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 179, further comprising: